Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 21 Mar 2024 until 23:59 on Friday 22 Mar 2024

Forecast Issued on Thursday 21 Mar 2024 at 03:34 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence on very unsettled conditions for the next few days, and return to colder weather from tomorrow evening. Some uncertainty on the timing of the drier conditions tomorrow.

Headline for Thursday 21 Mar 2024: Storm force winds on summits. Largely cloudy with rain at times.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 21 Mar 2024

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** High Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
60%	60%	80%	40%	20%	20%

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Weather: Storm force winds on the summits. Patchy rain, turning more persistent through the morning, especially in the west. Becoming drier with sunny spells developing through the afternoon but also the odd shower, these becoming more frequent in the evening and falling as snow above 800m.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% in the west, 40% in the east. Increasing to 80% late afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Patchy cloud with bases 600-800m quickly becoming extensive and lowering to 500m at times. Good or moderate visibility, but occasionally poor in snow, heavy rain or drizzle. Cloud will break up through the afternoon, with occasional broken bases 800-1000m and visibility good or very good.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	67/85 SW	63/81 SW	61/80 SW	52/70 SW	49/66 W	43/59 W	41/56 W
900	76/88 SW	67/79 SW	57/71 SW	50/64 SW	45/58 SW	41/53 SW	39/50 SW
600	47/58 SW	45/56 SW	38/51 SW	35/48 SW	31/44 SW	29/41 SW	27/38 SW
300	22/48 SW	22/47 SW	18/40 SW	19/40 SW	18/38 SW	16/35 SW	15/32 SW
Glen	11/44 SW	12/43 SW	9/36 SW	7/31 SW	7/31 SW	6/29 SW	6/26 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-14	-1/-12	0/-10	2/-8	-2/-12	-3/-13	-3/-13
900	2/-8	3/-6	4/-5	5/-3	2/-7	1/-8	-0/-9
600	3/-5	5/-2	6/-1	7/1	4/-2	3/-4	2/-5
300	5/-1	6/1	8/4	10/6	7/3	6/1	4/-0
Glen	4/-1	6/1	9/6	12/9	8/5	6/3	4/2
Freezing Level*	900m	2900m	2500m	1600m	1000m	900m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Particularly poor conditions with mobility almost impossible on the summits. Strong gusts also affecting lee slopes.

Forecast for Friday 22 Mar 2024
Weather: Bright spells and frequent showers, some hail and falling as snow down to 500m. Perhaps the odd rumble of thunder. Severe summit gales.

Maximum wind: 70-80mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility with scattered cloud bases 800-1000m. Bases falling to 500m at times and visibility temporarily becoming poor in snow and hail showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 C
At 800m: Minus 2 C.
Freezing level: 600m

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